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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph that starts on page 10, line 26 and ends on page 11, line 7 with the following paragraph.

Fig. 5 is a cross-reference table that may be used by The table is organized into sharable the invention. devices and the partitions that may share them and non-Alternatively, each device may have a sharable devices. In the profile it may be indicated whether the If the device is a device is a sharable device or not. sharable device, the partitions that may share the device Another method may be to include each may be identified. sharable device as a pseudo-device into the partitions that Each pseudo-device may be may be used use the device. listed as a resource in each partition that is set up to share the device. Any method that may be used to identify the sharable devices and the partitions that may use them is well within the scope of the invention.

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 8 - 26 with the following paragraph.

As in the manual process, the HMC will be used to switch a sharable device from one partition to another. The HMC is a control node that is responsible for setting up and maintaining partitions. When an application program requires access to a device that is not within the same partition as the application program, the operating system

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running on that partition causes an access request to be sent to the HMC on behalf of the application program. request will contain the identification of the partition as well as the identification of the device needed. will then consult the table to determine whether partition is allowed to have access to the device. the HMC will next determine whether the device is currently If the device use by another partition. currently in use by another partition, the HMC will assign After the device to the requesting partition. application program has finished using the device, it needs to notify the HMC so that the device may be reassigned to another partition when needed.

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